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Title: AUTOMATED ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Before its initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, line 8, change "eliminate" to -- filter --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 6 and 9 by rewriting the same as below:

-- 1. (amended) A method of automated alternative dispute resolution, comprising:
automatically receiving a communication from a party, the communication being a
portion of a pre-defined dispute resolution process,
processing the communication, and
[returning] providing the processed communication to the party.

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6. (amended) A method of automatically providing a comment relating to an automated
alternative dispute resolution process, comprising:
determining that an action or inaction by a subject has occurred in a predefined dispute
resolution process, and

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